

TOWN OF CECILTON
MAYOR AND COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 28, 2008

The Town Council held a Regular Meeting at Town Hall on Monday, July 28, 2008. The following were in attendance:

John J. Bunnell, Mayor

Michael Cooper, Member
Terry Moore, Member

Joseph A. Zang, III, Member
Craig DeVary, Member

Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

REVIEW AND ACT:

July 9, 2008 Work Session Minutes:

Member DeVary made a motion to accept the July 9, 2008 Work Session Minutes as written. Member Cooper seconded the motion. The motion carried.

June Financials and Account Balances:

Member Cooper made a motion to accept the June Financials and Account Balances as written. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Administrator's Report:

Member Zang asked what is happening with the sidewalk final inspection and Member Cooper wanted to know what was the ADA thought was wrong. Mayor Bunnell explained that he was setting up a meeting between Richard Lindsey from State Highway Administration, ADA, Pleasanton Excavating and the State Sidewalk Inspector to go over what items ADA felt were not in compliance. The Mayor explained that the ADA said that a couple of pitch from one to the other, need to have rumble stripes at one or two entrances because of the width. He said they built according to the prints and the prints were approved by ADA. He went on to explain that is why he is bringing in Richard Lindsey to help resolve the issues.

Maintenance Report:

Member Cooper asked how the Town was doing regarding the draining ditches. The Mayor said the Town was doing better but he was trying to get State Roads to help with a couple of the deep ones. Member Cooper said that the ditch behind the Senior Center needs to be cut. The Mayor said he believed that ditch was one of the deep ones. The Mayor also announced that the Town would have to purchase a new plough frame.

June 2008 Water and Wastewater Report:

Reviewed without comment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Oath of Office Planning and Zoning Board: Kristie Midash & Helen Zdrojewski:

Mayor Bunnell nominated Kristie Midash and Helen Zdrojewski to serve on the Planning and Zoning Board. Member Moore made a motion to appoint Kristie Midash and Helen Zdrojewski to the Office of Planning and Zoning. Member Zang seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mayor Bunnell swore in Kristie Midash and Helen Zdrojewski to the Planning and Zoning Board.

Water Tank Maintenance Program:

The Mayor reviewed two bids (attached) for Water Tank Maintenance Contracts. He explained that Utility Service Company, Inc. came in as the lowest bidder. In paragraph # 2 of the contract with Utility Service Company the dates must be changed to April 1, 2008 to March 31, 2009 and April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010.

The Council also agreed to delete Paragraph # 4, Structure of Tank. Paragraph #4 states: The Company is accepting this tank under program based upon its existing structure and components. Utility Service Co. shall approve any modifications to the tank, including antenna installations, Inc. prior to installation and may warrant an increase in the annual fee.

The reason for the change is that the Town wants to retain control of the antenna installation. It was agreed to speak with Utility Service Company about the correct wording that would leave the Town the control of any antenna decisions and leave the company with the structural concerns.

It was agreed to table the decision on the bid until the next Council Meeting.

Member Moore asked what the impact on the citizens in the Town would be when the water tank was drained every two years for cleaning and inspection. It was explained that the citizens would only be without water for a few hours and that they will be notified of the draining and cleaning well in advance of the actual event. The Mayor suggested that they might attempt to use the reverse 911 programs to help notify the citizens of Cecilton.

Old Town Truck:

Member Moore made a motion for Brenda Cochran to be the Town's resident agent to take bids and sell the old truck. Member Cooper seconded the motion.

It was mentioned that the Town hoped to get enough revenue from the sale of the truck to purchase the new plough frame and mounting accessories. The Mayor explained that as soon as the truck is sold then the Council would discuss the disbursement of those funds received from the sale of the truck.

Member Cooper made a suggestion to place the truck at the Carnival and the Truck Pull to encourage bids on the vehicle. Mayor Bunnell also said the Chevrolet dealer knows that the truck is for sale and will help if they can. It was also explained that the old truck was getting too expensive to maintain to even keep it as a second Town vehicle. Member DeVary offered to get some prices for the plow mounting and accessories.

Carnival Fireworks:

Member Zang made a motion that the Cecilton Volunteer Fire Company shall be permitted to shoot off fireworks on Town property. Member DeVary seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**Public Comments:****Good of The Order:**

The Fireworks will go off on 8/15/08 at 9:00 and the Parade will be on 8/16/08 at 4:00.

Member DeVary said he has received complaints about the fact that the children from Town have to go to Chesapeake City to play ball and the Town's ball fields are only being used for practice. He said the citizens want to know why our fields are only used for practice and why the children have to travel to Chesapeake City for the games. Member DeVary said he had heard that the main reason they are not using the ball fields is that there is no concession stand. Mayor Bunnell said that the Town purchased one about three or four years ago.

There was some discussion about getting together with Galena to form teams. It was also acknowledged that Little League International would have to give permission for Cecilton to get together with Galena and form teams and that the Town would have to carry all the liability insurance costs if they did not stay with the Chesapeake City organization.

Member Moore asked who was responsible for painting of the fire hydrants. She was informed that was a Town responsibility. She mentioned the hydrant on the corner near her property is in need of paint and it was arranged for the Town Maintenance crew would take care of repainting the hydrant.

The Mayor brought up the fact that today would have been the deadline on the original wastewater treatment plant construction contract. Since the plant has not been substantially completed, a letter was received Friday from Bearing Construction regarding liquidated damages from Bearing Construction. The Mayor said that there have been long discussions with Bearing Construction, URS and USDA and they are going to have a meeting this week to decide when or if the Town is going to assess those damages. He went very briefly went over several options to cover the cost of the overrun that would be discussed at that meeting.

The Mayor also explained that he received a call at 7:00 am on Friday informing him that someone digging a trench for the wastewater treatment plant was encroaching on private property. He explained there was a miscommunication between URS and the field representative as to where the ditch should have been dug. They were straying from our right of way and following the road to the sewer plant, which is outside of the right of way on both Rigdins and Joe Piri's property. He said when he went out there with a wand they found a pin on the wrong side of the ditch. He immediately stopped work for about five hours, set up a transit, and found the point done by the surveyor from the corner of Joe's property back to the turn next to the ditch. He continued to say that we are now absolutely dead on our right of way on the southern border of the right of way. We are now following the right of way and not the roadway and construction has restarted today.

Kristie Midash asked how many new connections would be provided at the new wastewater treatment plant. It was explained that it depends on the flow but originally it was to double the capacity and should be approximately 250 new units.

Helen Zdrojewski asked what could be done about drug dealers in the Town. The Mayor and Council told her the Sheriff's department is well aware of the problem and has it under surveillance and is working on the problem.

Member Zang asked if the Town has heard anything further from Royal Farms. The Mayor said that Royal Farms had a meeting Thursday and they are continuing to move forward with their plans to come into the Town.

ADJOURN:

Respectfully submitted:

Patricia Trucksess

Approved:

John J. Bunnell
Mayor